

**LISTING OF CLAIMS**

1. (Original) A vacuum packaging machine, comprising:
  - a housing having a cover with a rubber packing attached to a border thereof and an outlet formed therein, and a heater for sealing a vacuum packaging bag;
  - a hood hingedly connected to the housing to selectively open and close a top of the housing, the hood having a rubber packing; and
  - a separation unit communicating with the outlet through a communicating member and connected to a vacuum pump;
    - wherein the vacuum packaging machine forms a vacuum through the vacuum pump when the rubber packings of both the hood and the housing come into contact with each other
2. (Original) The vacuum packaging machine according to claim 1, wherein the separation unit comprises an outlet port and an outlet port.
3. (Original) The vacuum packaging machine according to claim 2, further comprising a communicating pipe connected to both the outlet port and the outlet port of the separation unit.
4. (Original) The vacuum packaging machine according to claim 1, wherein the separation unit communicates with filter means for filtering impurities and oil contained in the vacuum packaging bag.
5. (Original) The vacuum packaging machine according to claim 4, wherein the filter means comprises a filter casing, a filter inserted into the filter casing to eliminate the impurities, and a filter casing cover.

6. (Original) A vacuum packaging machine, comprising:
  - a housing having a separation assembly with a rubber packing attached to a border thereof and a heater for sealing a vacuum packaging bag, the separation assembly including a separation assembly casing having an outlet formed therein, and a cover mounted on the casing and provided with an outlet formed in a top surface thereof and a rubber packing; and
  - a hood hingedly connected to the housing to selectively open and close a top of the housing, the hood having a rubber packing;

wherein the vacuum packaging machine forms a vacuum 20 through a pump when the rubber packings of both the hood and the housing come into contact with each other.
7. (Original) The vacuum packaging machine according to claim 6, wherein the separation assembly is inserted into a depression formed in the housing to be detachable from the housing.
8. (Original) The vacuum packaging machine according to claim 6, wherein:
  - the rubber packing inserted into the cover of the housing is constructed so that a plurality of projections are oppositely formed along an inner circumference thereof and channel parts are formed therein at locations where the projections face each other; and
  - the rubber packing inserted into the hood is constructed 10 so that a plurality of holes are formed therein at locations corresponding to those of the channel parts, so that vacuum spaces are formed when the channel parts and the holes come into contact with each other.

9. (Original) The vacuum packaging machine according to claim 6, wherein:  
the rubber packing inserted into the cover of the housing is constructed so that a plurality of holes are formed therein; and  
the rubber packing inserted into the hood is constructed so that a plurality of each having both side notches by which channel grooves are formed are formed at locations corresponding to those of the holes in the rubber packing inserted into the cover, so that vacuum spaces can be formed when the holes of the cover and the hood come into contact with each other.

Claims 10-27 (Canceled).